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SENATE RESOLUTION 109 By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to recognize Landon Gibbs, 2000 Co-Salutatorian of Cheatham County Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Landon Gibbs is one such exceptional student who was recently named cosalutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Cheatham County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Landon has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Gibbs has earned an exemplary 3.96 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated student and scholar, Mr. Gibbs has received countless honors and accolades for his academic accomplishments; he was selected to appear in the Governor's Magazine for the Twenty First Century, served as his school's delegate to Boy's State, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and Medicine, and was listed in *Who's Who*

Among American High School Students; he served as the 1999 TSBA Scope delegate, distinguished himself as the National Science Olympiad Winner, and received the National English Merit Award, All-American Scholars Award, and National Merit Letter of Achievement; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Landon has served with probity as Student Body President and his class' Student Body Representative, Class Treasurer, Student Council President, 4-H President, founder and President of a branch of the Junior Statesman of America, and as the Student Contact for the Elect Gore 2000 campaign; and

WHEREAS, he is also a valued member of Lifelinks, the Beta Club, Junior Classical League, the Latin Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Pep Club, and the Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, committed to academic excellence, Mr. Gibbs has traveled to Germany where he studied as an exchange student; and

WHEREAS, Landon is a stellar athlete; he is a four-year member of the Varsity

Basketball and Cross-Country teams, and played one year of Varsity Soccer; his athletic and
leadership abilities served him well during his illustrious service as People to People Sports

Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, a civic minded individual, Landon has spent countless hours working in community service; among the many projects to which he has devoted himself are: Toys for Tots, Christmas Anonymous, community cleanup, feeding the homeless, fundraisers for Multiple Sclerosis, food drives, and volunteer work at a nursing home; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout and active member of the Ashland City First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to pursue a career in corporate law or pediatric cardiology, and someday run for the U.S. Senate or even the Presidency; and

WHEREAS, Landon's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

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WHEREAS, Landon Gibbs' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Cheatham County Central High School Co-Salutatorian, Landon Gibbs, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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